

August 20, 2023

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PLEDGE CARD UPDATE

Increase Monthly Giving\$ 6,256.33

One-Time Special Gifts\$ 51,150.00

Largest Potential Financial Impact \$ 300,000

The pledge cards are designed to help the Session know where adjustments to the current plan need to be made. There will be an update on the expected financial impact of the Pastoral transition on August 27th.

If you have any questions, please email info@valleysprings.org or connect with an Elder/Generosity Team Member.

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READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

⁹Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!

- Psalm 99:9 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

(*Words and Music by Edward Perronet, John Rippon, and Oliver Holden*)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Lord of all, You are Lord of all!

Lord of all, You are Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

HE IS WORTHY

(*Words and Music by David Zimmer and Nathan Stiff*)

Holy, holy is the Son of God.
None can stand before His majesty.
Beautiful beyond our highest thought:
Worthy! He is worthy!

Holy, holy is the Word made flesh.
King who bore our pain and poverty,
Come to claim the rebel and the wretch.
Worthy! He is worthy!

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SONGS

*All glory and honor, all power and praise
Be to Your name, be to Your name.
For no one could rival Your glory and fame.
We lift high the name of Jesus.*

Holy, holy is the Lamb who died.
Canceling our debt at Calvary,
Rising from the grave to reign on high.
Worthy! He is worthy!

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, worthy is Your name.
Holy, holy, none beside You, greatly to be praised.

READINGS

CONFESSION OF SIN

¹ Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; ² but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear. ³ For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue mutters wickedness. ⁴ No one enters suit justly; no one goes to law honestly; they rely on empty pleas, they speak lies, they conceive mischief and give birth to iniquity.

- Isaiah 59:1-4 (*English Standard Version*)

DECLARATION OF GRACE

²² "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. ²³ By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

²⁴ "Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. ²⁵ In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

- Isaiah 45:22-25 (*English Standard Version*)

SONGS

MY DWELLING PLACE (PSALM 91)

(Words and Music by Kristyn Getty, Kristyn Getty, Kelly Minter, Chris Eaton, and Stuart Townend, 2015)

My dwelling place is God Most High; my refuge and my fortress.
When plague and pestilence draw nigh, I'm hidden in His presence.
When terrors fall and arrows fly, His shield will be my safety;
When stones across my pathway lie, on angels' wings I'm carried.

My dwelling place is God Most High; a present help in danger.
I rest secure in love's pure light, beneath my Master's favor.
He freed me from the fowler's snare, where sin and shame had bound me;
Deceived I made my refuge there, till fearless He came for me.

*Wonderful, powerful, my hope and my defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel; my dwelling place forever.*

My dwelling place is God Most High; I'll never seek another.
For I am His and He is mine; my heart He'll keep forever.
I know the Name on whom I call; He promises to answer.
With life he satisfies my soul, and crowns me with his pleasure.

TURN YOUR EYES

(Words and Music by George Romanacce, Helen H. Lemmel, Kevin Winebarger, Nathan Stiff, and Nic Trout, 2019)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Turn your eyes to the hillside where justice and mercy embrace.
There the Son of God gave His life for us,
And our measureless debt was erased.

*Jesus, to You we lift our eyes. Jesus, our glory and our prize.
We adore You, behold You, our Savior ever true.
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You.*

Turn your eyes to the morning and see Christ the lion awake.
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone,
For we carry His life in our veins.

Turn your eyes to the heavens; our King will return for His own.
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout,
"All glory to Jesus alone!"

READINGS

SCRIPTURE

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

- 1 Peter 4:12-19 (*English Standard Version*)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- What things are you most competitive about?
- What does it mean to win? What does it mean to lose?
- What "win" made you the happiest? What "loss" made you the saddest?
- In what ways did Jesus lose?
- In what ways did Jesus win? How does His winning look different from ours?
- How do we live in light of Jesus' losing and winning?

SERMON OUTLINE

Losing is Winning

1 Peter 4:12-19

The world that we live in is one that is bent on winning. We are attracted to winners and want to be a part of the winning team. However, the Christian life has far more to do with losing than winning. In this passage, Peter helps us to see three things about winning and losing:

Winning is losing (1 Peter 4:15, 17-18; Mark 8:35-38)

Losing is winning (1 Peter 4:12-14; Acts 5:41)

In His losing, Christ has won for us (1 Peter 4:16, 19; Revelation 17:14)

— REFLECTION QUOTES —

“The rivers of Grace cannot flow uphill, up the steep cliff of the proud man’s heart.”

- Bernard of Clairvaux

³⁵ “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

- Mark 8:35-38 (*English Standard Version*)

⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.

- Acts 5:41 (*English Standard Version*)

¹⁴ “They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

- Revelation 17:14 (*English Standard Version*)

READINGS

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of their teachings. It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* ("catholic" means "world-wide" in scope rather than regional or sectarian)

SONGS

MORE LOVE TO THEE

(Words and Music by Elizabeth Payson Prentiss and William Howard Doane)

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now Thee alone I seek; give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

*More love to Thee, oh Christ! More love to Thee, oh God!
More love to Thee, oh Christ! More love to Thee!*

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise.
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
This still my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee;
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GATHERING INN - CARE KITS: Our friends at *The Gathering Inn* have opened up an additional facility in Auburn for transitional housing. The Friday Bible Study will be putting together care kits for those in need on August 25th. Donations are needed of travel-sized hygiene/care items such as toothpaste, lip balm, hand wipes, bars of soap, bars of face wash, Kleenex packets, granola bars, and lotion. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES: New Bible studies for women begin the week of September 6th. We will be studying the book of James. See the insert in today's bulletin for details, or check out valleysprings.org/women.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Our Saturday morning Men's Bible study resumes on September 16th. This fall, we will be studying "Knowing God" by J. I. Packer every Saturday from 7:30am to 9am in the Youth Room. See the insert in today's bulletin for details, or check out valleysprings.org/men.

MEN'S FALL KICK-OFF BBQ: Valley Springs Men's Ministry is kicking off their fall study with a BBQ on September 9th, 4pm, at Dane Sincere's house (6295 Rustic Hills Drive). This is a great opportunity to invite your brother, father, cousin, friend, coworker, etc. Children are welcome to attend and join in the fun! There will be a pool, so don't forget your swimsuit.

VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL: Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2023-24 school year is open! See www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org or contact Danya Schulte: danya@valleysprings.org / (916) 786-7670.

For more information, visit www.valleysprings.org

OUR MISSION

Valley Springs Presbyterian Church is an intergenerational community of grace, learning to love God, and serve our world, together.

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